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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 11 October 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

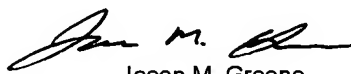
b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☒ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on 11 October 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 is disapproved since the amendment was filed after the issue fee was paid. 37 CFR 1.312(b) requires a petition and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Greene whose telephone number is (571) 272-1157. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 AM to 5:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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